

Budget Brief – Child Nutrition Programs

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PED BB-12

SUMMARY

Child Nutrition Programs represent a series of federal assistance programs designed to provide high quality, nutritionally well balanced meals and develop nutrition awareness among students. The major programs include the National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, a Food Distribution Program, and several other programs. More complete information on the Child Nutrition Programs can be found in chapter 16 of the Compendium of Budget Information.

The programs offer low cost or free meals to children in public and non-profit private schools. Qualifications for Free and Reduced Price meals may be found in the COBI chapter mentioned above.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) has made base budget allocations to the various appropriations subcommittees. The budget detail table on page 2 does not include funding for other Child Nutrition budget priorities the subcommittee may wish to consider.

The co-chairs of the EAC recommend that the subcommittee complete the following tasks: review agency base budgets; reallocate revenue where possible within the base budget to meet new subcommittee budget priorities; and, develop a priority list, to be submitted to the EAC, of new budget priorities not completed through budgetary reallocations.

Issue Briefs

Issue Briefs provide the subcommittee with additional information on FY 2008 CNP budget issues. Please refer to the following Issue Brief for additional information on the Child Nutrition Programs:

- **PED 1** – ‘Federal Funds’ provides information on all federal funds received by education agencies.

FY 2008 Base Budget

The subcommittee may wish to evaluate the ongoing budget for the child nutrition programs; make any needed adjustments; and adopt a base budget for FY 2008. The base budget for this line item totals \$129,265,800. The majority of program revenue comes from the federal government. The State contributes some Uniform School Fund revenue, as well as the revenue collected from the Liquor Tax to support the Child Nutrition Programs.

Figure 1: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - Child Nutrition - Budget History

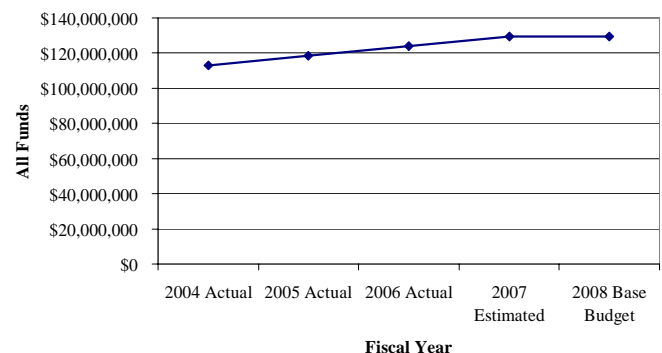


Figure 2: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - Child Nutrition - FTE History

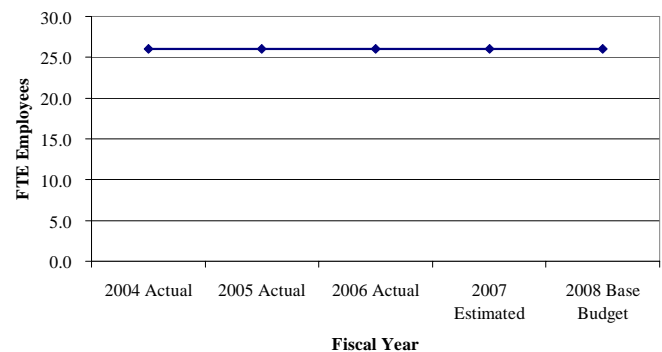
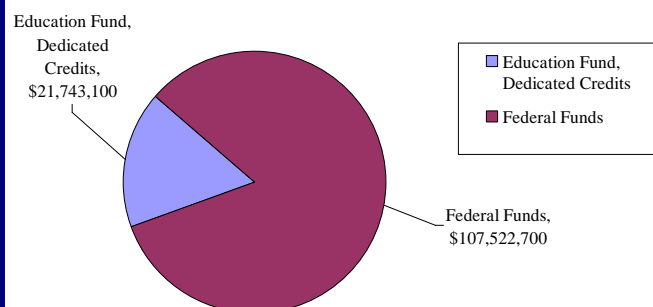


Figure 3: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - Child Nutrition - FY 2008 Funding Mix



ACCOUNTABILITY

The following table shows a historical comparison of child nutrition services.

Child Nutrition Programs: Participation History 2003-2005						
	School Lunch	School Breakfast	Severe Need Breakfast	Special Milk*	Summer Food Service**	
2005						
Number of Sites	779	233	390			
Enrollment	483,227	184,630	212,774	95	167	
<u>Meals Served</u>						
Free	15,960,276	1,069,217	4,445,956	7,566		
Reduced Price	6,027,510	264,965	758,296			
Paid	27,308,824	710,507	970,913	130,950		
Total Meals Served	49,296,610	2,044,689	6,175,165	138,516	1,085,001	
2004						
Number of Sites	784	228	346	95	135	
Enrollment	466,750	175,414	180,696			
<u>Meals Served</u>						
Free	15,365,337	999,122	3,848,172	6,490		
Reduced Price	5,820,447	228,929	594,830			
Paid	26,549,250	577,600	641,008	142,105		
Total Meals Served	47,735,034	1,805,651	5,084,010	148,595	1,003,188	
2003						
Number of Sites	780	228	328	90	131	
Enrollment	473,461	177,867	168,949			
<u>Meals Served</u>						
Free	14,197,160	971,760	3,504,670	6,978		
Reduced Price	5,682,510	236,988	572,772			
Paid	26,591,702	565,754	582,385	171,895		
Total Meals Served	46,471,372	1,774,502	4,659,827	178,873	858,801	

* Figure represents the number of 1/2 pints of milk served, either received free or paid.

** Total represents the total number of meals served for breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack.

BUDGET DETAIL

Eighty-three percent of the revenue supporting the Child Nutrition Programs comes from the federal government. The programs collect \$21,585,700 in dedicated credits revenue generated through the state tax on liquor. Dedicated credits support over fourteen percent of the total Child Nutrition budget. The remaining revenue supporting the Child Nutrition Programs comes from the Uniform School Fund in the amount of \$157,400. The Uniform School Fund appropriation supports the personnel costs associated with the Food Distribution Program (often referred to as the commodities program) operated by the Child Nutrition section at USOE.

Over ninety-eight percent of the revenue supporting Child Nutrition Programs is passed on to local school districts to support school meal programs.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - Child Nutrition						
	FY 2006	FY 2007		FY 2007		FY 2008*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Uniform School Fund	150,100	157,400	0	157,400	0	157,400
Uniform School Fund, One-time	0	(400)	0	(400)	400	0
Federal Funds	103,412,100	101,626,700	5,890,900	107,517,600	5,100	107,522,700
Dedicated Credits Revenue	20,585,700	16,830,500	4,755,200	21,585,700	0	21,585,700
Total	\$124,147,900	\$118,614,200	\$10,646,100	\$129,260,300	\$5,500	\$129,265,800
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	1,465,500	1,577,800	0	1,577,800	5,100	1,582,900
In-State Travel	16,200	19,000	(2,800)	16,200	0	16,200
Out of State Travel	25,900	16,300	9,600	25,900	0	25,900
Current Expense	630,100	587,100	43,000	630,100	0	630,100
DP Current Expense	84,400	8,200	76,200	84,400	0	84,400
Other Charges/Pass Thru	121,925,800	116,405,800	10,520,100	126,925,900	400	126,926,300
Total	\$124,147,900	\$118,614,200	\$10,646,100	\$129,260,300	\$5,500	\$129,265,800
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	26.0	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	26.0
Vehicles	1	1	0	1	0	1

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

This section summarizes what actions might be taken if the Legislature wishes to adopt the recommendations presented in this brief. The Analyst recommends that the Legislature consider:

1. Reaffirm the base budget amount of \$129,265,800 for the Child Nutrition Programs detailed in the Budget Detail Table above.